

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A tubular protective device for protection against a transfer of infectious matter during sexual intercourse comprising:

(a) a flexible, thin-walled tube having a closed end and an open end, said open end having;

(i) a collar-shaped, outwardly extending portion, and

(ii) a means for radially stretching said collar-shaped portion, and

(b) an inner diameter of sufficiently large dimension to permit movement of a penis with respect to said protective device during coitus.

2. The tubular protective device of claim 1, wherein the collar-shaped portion is conically shaped.

3. The tubular protective device according to claim 1, wherein said flexible, thin-walled tube is a polymer material, said polymer material being selected from the group consisting of latex, polyethylenes, polyurethanes, and derivatives thereof.

4. The tubular protective device according to claim 1, wherein said means for radially stretching is an elastic ring integrally connected with said collar-shaped portion.

5. The tubular protective device of claim 1, wherein said closed end is enclosed by a sheathing which is axially movable relative to the protective device.

6. The tubular protective device of claim 1, further comprising an elastic ring, said second elastic ring being adapted for insertion into said closed end.

7. A tubular protective device for protection against a transfer of infectious matter during sexual intercourse, said protective device comprising:

- (a) a thin-walled, flexible tube having a closed end and an open end; and
- (b) an outwardly extending collar-shaped means for radially stretching said open end, wherein an inner diameter of said tube is sufficiently large to permit movement of a penis with respect to said tube during sexual intercourse.

8. The tubular protective device of claim 7, wherein said means for radially stretching said open end is an elastic ring.

9. The tubular protective device of claim 8, further comprising a second elastic ring, said second elastic ring being adapted for insertion into said closed end.

10. The tubular protective device of claim 9, further comprising a means for affixing said second ring to said flexible, thin-walled tube.

11. A tubular protective device for protection against a transfer of infectious matter during sexual intercourse, said protective device comprising:

- (a) a thin-walled, flexible tube having;
  - (i) a closed end,
  - (ii) an open end, and
  - (iii) a first diameter;
- (b) an outwardly extending collar-shaped means for radially stretching said open end, said means for radially stretching having a second diameter wherein said first diameter of said tube is smaller than said second diameter of said means for radially stretching and said first diameter is sufficiently large to permit movement of a penis within said tube during coitus.

12. The tubular protective device of claim 11, wherein said means for radially stretching said open end is an elastic ring.

13. The tubular protective device of claim 12, further comprising a second elastic ring, said second elastic ring being adapted for insertion into said closed end.

14. The tubular protective device of claim 13, further comprising a means for affixing said second ring to said flexible, thin-walled tube.

~~Sub A~~ 15. A tubular protective device for protection against a transfer of infectious matter during sexual intercourse consisting of:

- (a) a flexible, thin-walled tube having a closed end and an open end, said open end having;
  - (i) a collar-shaped, outwardly extending portion, and
  - (ii) a means for radially stretching said collar-shaped portion.

16. The tubular protective device of claim 15, wherein an inner diameter of said flexible, thin-walled tube is of sufficiently large dimension to permit movement of a penis with respect to said protective device during coitus.

17. The tubular protective device of claim 16, wherein said means for radially stretching said collar-shaped portion is an elastic ring integrally connected with the collar-shaped portion.

18. The tubular protective device of claim 17, further consisting of a second elastic ring, said second elastic ring being adapted for radially stretching said closed end.

19. A tubular protective device for protection against a transfer of infectious matter during sexual intercourse, said protective device consisting of:

- (a) a thin-walled, flexible tube having;
  - (i) a closed end,
  - (ii) an open end, and
  - (iii) a first diameter,
- (b) an outwardly extending collar-shaped means for radially stretching said open end having a second diameter; and
- (c) a second outwardly extending ring-shaped means, said second outwardly extending ring-shaped means being adapted for radially stretching said closed end wherein said first diameter of said tube is smaller than said second diameter of said collar-shaped means and said first diameter is sufficiently large to permit movement of a penis within said tube during coitus.

*Sub B2* 20. The tubular protective device of claim 19 further consisting of a means for affixing said second outwardly extending ring-shaped means to said flexible, thin-walled tube.

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